

WAS INTEREST IN THE SENATE Senator Davis Was the Central Figure Yesterday. GIVEN CLOSE ATTENTION

LANGUAGE USED WAS MOST CONSERVATIVE.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The speech of Senator Davis of Minnesota, supporting the resolution, of which he is the author, enunciating the policy of the United States on the Monroe doctrine, was the event of the day in the senate. There was added interest and significance in Mr. Davis' utterances, as the resolution voiced the sentiment of a majority of the senate committee on foreign relations, of which he is a member. The public interest in the subject was evidenced by crowded galleries, the attendance being greater than at any time since the vote on the bond bill. Mr. Davis was given close attention throughout. The language was conservative and was not the radical utterance some had anticipated. Mr. Davis spoke with gratification of the reports coming from across the Atlantic that a settlement of the Venezuelan trouble was likely to be effected. Yet the senator declared emphatically that the American people would never endorse a settlement based on concessions of any feature of the Monroe doctrine. While minimizing the possibilities of a war, the senator said that any explicit announcement of our policy to resist European encroachments would give the surest guarantee of peace.

The rest of the day was given to the military question, which was under discussion when the senate adjourned. The proposition of Mr. Vilas to increase the number of army regiments by two, brought out much debate, the prevailing sentiment being favorable to the increase.

In the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The agricultural appropriation bill occupied the attention of the house today. A great deal of criticism of Secretary Morton was indulged in on both sides of the political aisle, but, as on Saturday, no one arose to his defense. At last Mr. Pearson of North Carolina, who had asked if there was a senator member, would raise a voice in his defense. His question was greeted with a chorus of "Noes" from all sides of the house. The omission in the bill of a provision for a chief clerk of the bureau of animal industry at a salary of \$2,000, which was made up in the treasury recommendation, led to the inscription that the secretary wanted to legislate out of office P. F. Lytle, a

from Missouri, the present incumbent, who was appointed on the recommendation of the Missouri senators, and it was intimated that Secretary Morton's action was an attempt to retaliate upon Senator Vest for the latter's attack on him in the senate about two weeks ago. An amendment was pending which would increase the salary of the chief clerk of the treasury from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

It is understood Mr. Cousin of Iowa will tomorrow offer an amendment appropriating \$100 for a new edition of the "horse book." Before the bill was taken up the senate amendments to the urgent deficiency bill were non-concurrent in and a bill was passed for the examination and classification of lands in the railroad grants in California.

The bill is practically an extension of the act of the last congress for the segregation of mineral lands in the railroad grants in California and Montana to the state of Colorado.

Mr. Dabell (Rep., Pa.), from the committee on ways and means, reported a resolution of inquiry calling on the secretary of the treasury for an exhaustive report relative to the

SALE OF BONDS
under the resumption act between the two periods 1873 and March 1, 1883, and between the latter date and January 1, 1896.

Mr. Washington (Dem., Tenn.) offered an amendment calling on the secretary of the treasury for detailed information as to the manner in which bonds had been sold between 1873 and 1883.

Mr. Washington said the country should know whether the bonds were sold by this administration when the treasury was in dire distress and different from that pursued by other administrations.

Mr. Grosvener (Rep., of Ohio), said that he would also be glad to have all the facts as to the financial operations of the treasury known, but he expressed the opinion that the result would be a great disappointment to the Democratic side.

"What premium was obtained for the bonds sold to effect resumption," asked Mr. McMillin (Dem., of Tenn.). "They were sold at par," replied Mr. Grosvener.

"Then less was obtained for them," retorted Mr. McMillin, "than was obtained by the sale complained of."

"It must be remembered," returned Mr. Grosvener, "that at that time gold was at a premium, and we were struggling against the opposition of the Democratic party and their predictions of universal disaster."

Mr. Dabell said he would have no objection to the purpose of Mr. Washington's amendment, but he thought it was not germane to the resolution before the house.

Mr. Washington's amendment was defeated and the resolution was adopted. The house went into

time, will be composed of about 2,500 delegates, when these two bodies combine in one convention, as they are confidently expected to do on the second day, the biggest strictly business gathering ever assembled in this country will be the result. In an interview Chairman Taubeneck said: "We will declare for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the rate of 16 to 1 and confidently expect the growth of that sentiment under the impetus imparted to it by the efforts of the two old parties to strangle the silver cause and give us complete control of the federal government."

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 17.—The dead body of Elmer Sheets was found lying alongside the Lake Erie and Western tracks. Both feet, one of which was bare, were frozen in the mud and the body was covered with an inch of snow that had fallen during the night. There are six small gashes on the left side of the face. It was necessary to chop the mud from around the feet before the body could be moved. The six gashes are about an inch in length and were made by a sharp instrument which crushed the skull near the temple, causing death. There was a light bruise on the right side. He was not killed by the train, as none passed after 7:30 p. m. and he was seen after that hour. The belief is that he was murdered. Elmer Sheets was 38 years old and the son of Henry Sheets, a prominent citizen who owns a large dairy north of the city. No clue to the murderers has been found.

LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The executive committee of the National Live Stock exchange, whose members were before a sub-committee of the ways and means committee today, called at the agricultural department during the afternoon and had a conference with Secretary Morton on various matters of interest to the cattle industry. The committee pointed out the lack of uniformity existing at different places in the rules for the inspection of live stock and suggested various changes that would be desirable and wanted by the live stock men.

The committee is anxious to have a settlement of the differences existing between the government authorities and the state of Texas concerning the establishment and maintenance of the national quarantine line, so that there may be a harmonious understanding by which Texas cattle not suffering from fever can be promptly shipped into the states north of the line.

The committee was well pleased with the results of the conference, and to judge from what the latter said, believed the government and the Texas authorities may reach an amicable understanding.

THE TURF

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—Three of the six events carded at Ingleside today were handicaps, and most of the best horses at the track faced the flag. The weather was perfect and the attendance was far above the Monday average. Green B. Morrison's colt, four-year-old, was the favorite, and to his long string of victories by winning the mile and sixteenth handicap, having as competitors Cabrillo, the "iron horse" Logan and other high class horses.

The Australian starting machine was used for the first time today and in no time did the horses at the track move more than a minute. Sam Daggett, the crack jockey, left for the east last night, owing to pressing business matters in the east which require his personal attention. Daggett will probably ride for the Fleischman stable this season. He is very favorably impressed with racing on the coast and will return early in the spring.

Fourth race, seven furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Gold Bug 106, (Chorn) 3 1/2 to 1, second; Hazard 103, (McClain) 4 to 1, third; Governor Budd 61, (Jones) 20 to 1, third. Time—1:31. Sleeping Beauty 100, (L. Rex, Ida Sauer, the Judge, Belle of Stonewall, Comrade, also ran.

Second race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Gold Bug 106, (Chorn) 3 1/2 to 1, second; Hazard 103, (McClain) 4 to 1, third; Governor Budd 61, (Jones) 20 to 1, third. Time—1:31. Sleeping Beauty 100, (L. Rex, Ida Sauer, the Judge, Belle of Stonewall, Comrade, also ran.

Third race, mile and sixteenth, handicap—Imp. Star Ruby 114, (W. Martin) 9 to 5, won; Cabrillo 101, (T. Sloan) 2 1/2 to 1, second; Logan 119, (Chorn) 2 to 1, third. Time—1:48. Imp. Norton, Dumcarver, E. H. Shirley, Imp. Fortelle Lass also ran.

Fourth race, handicap hurdle, one over four hurdles, inside track, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Fifth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Sixth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Seventh race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Eighth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Ninth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

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Thirteenth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Fourteenth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

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Sixteenth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Seventeenth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Eighteenth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Nineteenth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Twentieth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Twenty-first race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

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Twenty-third race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Twenty-fourth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Twenty-fifth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Twenty-sixth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Twenty-seventh race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Twenty-eighth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

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Thirtieth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Thirty-first race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Thirty-second race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Thirty-third race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

Thirty-fourth race, six furlongs, selling, purse \$400—Tim Murphy 105, (Jones) 8 to 5, won; Boreas 106, (Chorn) 9 to 1, second; Walter J. 55, (McClain) 25 to 1, third. Time—1:18.4. Japan Model, Royal Flush, E. H. Carr, Candor, Princess Rose II also ran.

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BIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Trade and Labor Assembly Discusses the Question.

HAD A HOT OLD TIME

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Discussion, However, Brought Out the Fact That There Are Now in Chicago Twenty Thousand Who Cannot Find Room in the Public Schools—Some Interesting Facts.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—After spending two hours in heated debate and causing considerable ill feeling, the Trade and Labor assembly laid the question of bible in the public schools on the table, and decided to confine its energies in securing free text books for public school children.

The assembly was about to adjourn, when W. C. Pomeroy brought up the bible question. The discussion was tame enough until he introduced resolutions calling on the city council to pass an ordinance which will provide bibles for all reform organizations, "including the civic federation." He coupled the free text book proposition with the resolution and made a lengthy speech in support of them.

James J. Linehan called the introduction of resolutions a piece of trickery. J. J. Ryan said that a delegate who would couple the bible question with the free text book agitation as Pomeroy had been doing, had no right to be heard.

Matters grew worse, and at times three or four delegates stood on the floor at once, each claiming recognition from the chair. The bible mustered many friends, although the proposition to introduce it into the schools was not carried, and still another delegate Ryan said that if the delegates to the assembly would read the bible often they would be better men and women, and better trade unionists.

Delegate Ryan said that he did not delegate in the hall who could quote two passages of scripture. Delegate Pressis was not opposed to teaching children things that are good, saying that they would learn the bad things for themselves.

Delegate Nelson wanted the matter referred to the grievance committee; another delegate wanted it referred to a special committee, and still another thought it could be handled by the committee on public institutions.

Motions fell thick and fast and from all parts of the hall, until some one moved that the entire question be laid on the table. There were but three dissenting voices.

Free text books and the bible as a text book were also discussed at the semi-monthly meeting of the labor council at Clearmakers' hall, but the organization did not commit itself on either question. The committee previously appointed to confer with the board of education regarding free text books was not ready to report, but a member, Victor Williams of the Typographical union, said he had talked with members of the board and they appeared to think that it would not be wise to spend \$100,000 for school books until buildings were furnished in which to educate the 20,000 children of the city who cannot now find room in the schools.

GREAT CLIMATE.

Cold Wave in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A cold wave of unusual severity has spread over this section. In this city the mercury indicated 6.94 degrees below zero at 8 o'clock this morning, the coldest recorded here since the winter of 1890.

A weather bureau at Saranac Lake the temperature was 43 below zero, the lowest ever recorded there. Boston and New England points report very cold weather.

At Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 17.—During twenty-four hours the temperature dropped 25 degrees, and at 7 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 4 below. Reports from various points in northern Ohio show 4 to 8 below and much suffering exists.

At Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 17.—The mercury dropped 22 degrees yesterday, registering 2 degrees below zero at day-light this morning. There is great suffering among the poor.

At Scranton.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 17.—Extremely cold weather prevailed in this vicinity. At 4 p. m. the thermometer registered 17 degrees below zero and at 8 o'clock 12 below. Peter Buckley, aged 89 years, was found frozen to death.

At Boston.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—The excessive cold continues tonight and the mercury is generally shrinking. Returns from various parts of New England indicate the night will be the most severe experienced in New England this winter.

Toronto, Too.

TORONTO, Feb. 17.—The signal office reports the following as the lowest temperature reached today at the various points named: Ottawa 30 below; Kingston 24 below; Toronto, 15 below; Quebec, 24 below; and Halifax, 4 below.

At Montreal.

MONTEAL, Feb. 17.—The signal office reports the following as the lowest temperature reached today at the various points named: Montreal 20 below; Quebec, 24 below; and Halifax, 4 below.

At St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—The signal office reports the following as the lowest temperature reached today at the various points named: St. Louis 10 below; Kansas City, 15 below; and Omaha, 20 below.

At Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The signal office reports the following as the lowest temperature reached today at the various points named: Chicago 10 below; St. Paul, 15 below; and Minneapolis, 20 below.

At New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The signal office reports the following as the lowest temperature reached today at the various points named: New York 10 below; Philadelphia, 15 below; and Baltimore, 20 below.

At Washington.

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